

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION)	MDL 2804
OPIATE LITIGATION)	
)	Case No. 1:17-md-2804
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:)	
)	Judge Dan Aaron Polster
<i>Hospital Cases</i>)	
)	<u>ORDER SETTING BELLWETHER</u>
)	<u>PROCESS FOR HOSPITALS</u>

On November 13, 2024, the Court set the following deadlines for the Hospitals bellwether selection process:

On or before **12:00 PM, December 5, 2024**, the PEC and Hospitals should notify the Court that they have: (1) agreed upon one bellwether case; or, if they cannot agree, (2) each side should file their selections of two potential bellwether cases.

If the parties do not agree on the bellwether case, they must file a document striking one of the opposing sides' two picked cases, on or before **12:00 PM, December 11, 2024**.

If the parties have agreed on the bellwether case, they must file a joint proposed case management order for the new bellwether case on or before **12:00 PM, December 18, 2024**. If they have not agreed on the bellwether cases, their jointly proposed case management order will be due on or before **12:00 PM, December 23, 2024**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Dan Aaron Polster November 13, 2024
DAN AARON POLSTER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE